the time when Dr. K. Raman Tampi was in charge of the General Hospital, and also of those who do that work there now?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information * required is laid on the table.

Training of Nurses.

13. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of institutions in the Medical Department for the training of nurses?

(*b*) How many were trained as nurses during the last five years?

(*c*) How many of them have been appointed as nurses in hospitals?

(*d*) How many are without employment?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nurses receive their training in the General Hospital and the Women and Children's Hospital. Four Indian Nursing Sisters were trained in the District Hospital, Kottayam, also, before Nursing Classes were opened in Trivandrum.

(*b*) Seventeen nurses have been trained during the last five years.

(*c*) Four Indian Nursing Sisters have been appointed to the Kottayam District Hospital, while the remaining thirteen have been posted to the General Hospital.

(*d*) None.

Appointment of Nurses.

14. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of hospitals where nurses have not been appointed?

(*b*) Who do the work of nurses in these hospitals at present?

(*c*) Are the menial servants made to do the work of nurses in hospitals where there are no nurses? If so, are Government aware of the fact that this practice is highly dangerous to the patients?

(*d*) Do the Government contemplate appointing nurses in all the hospitals?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Nurses have not been appointed in 22 hospitals.

(*b*) Midwives, who are also trained in sick nursing, assisted by warders.

(*c*) Menials are not permitted to do nursing in any hospital.

(*d*) Government have sanctioned the training of more nurses for being posted to hospitals.

Medicines out of stock and Substitutes.

15. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician has issued circulars to the effect that chits containing the names

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 12.

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